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REMARKS

Claims 1 through 5 and 54 through 60 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 54 and 57 are hereby amended.

Claims 1 and 57 are objected to for certain informalities. Claims 1 and 57 are hereby amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggested language. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,367,453 to Capps, et al. ("Capps, et al. patent"). Also, claims 2 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Capps, et al. patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,682,439 to Beernink, et al. ("Beernink, et al. patent"), and claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Capps, et al. patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,754,686 to Harada, et al. ("Harada, et al. patent"). Further, claims 54 through 60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Capps, et al. patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,838,302 to Kuriyama, et al. ("Kuriyama, et al. patent").

Claim 1 as amended provides, *inter alia*, a predetermined area of the screen less than the predetermined size of the screen on which handwriting is recognized in which the predetermined area being restricted to a single location of the screen and configured to solely receive and display handwritten input. Claim 54 as amended, *inter alia*, provides similar language. Thus, amended claims 1 and 54 provide a handwriting input area or window that is dedicated to

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receiving and displaying handwritten input and, yet, is restricted to a single location of the screen.

In contrast, the Capps, et al. patent, the Beernink, et al. patent, the Harada, et al. patent, and the Kuriyama, et al. patent, independently or in combination, do not describe or suggest a handwriting input area or window that receives and displays handwritten input and is restricted to a single location of the screen, as required by amended claims 1 and 54. The Capps, et al. patent and the Beernink, et al. patent describe write-anywhere devices in which any part of the screen may be used to select actions as well as receive/display handwritten input. Likewise, the Harada, et al. patent and the Kuriyama, et al. patent describe similar devices in which a handwriting input area may be designated but is not restricted to a single location of the screen. Accordingly, amended claims 1 and 54 distinguish patentably from the Capps, et al. patent, the Beernink, et al. patent, the Harada, et al. patent, the Kuriyama, et al. patent, and any combination of these patents.

Claims 2 through 5 and 55 through 60 depend from and include all limitations of independent claims 1 and 54, respectively, as amended. Therefore, claims 2 through 5 and 55 through 60 distinguish patentably from the Capps, et al. patent, the Beernink, et al. patent, the Harada, et al. patent, the Kuriyama, et al. patent, and any combination of these patents for the reasons stated above for amended claims 1 and 54.

In view of the above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1 through 5 and 54 through 60 are respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. Also, no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicants have argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any additional fees arising as a result of this response, including any fees for Extensions of Time, or any other communication from or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2117.

It is submitted that the claims clearly define the invention, are supported by the specification and drawings, and are in a condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or concerns that may expedite prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,
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